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#### RECITALS

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 524 of the Charter of Harford County (the "Charter"), the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Harford County, Maryland (the "County") for fiscal year 2008, Bill No. 07-13 (the "Budget Ordinance") includes a project permitting the County to enter into installment purchase agreements to acquire development rights in agricultural lands located within the County, which Budget Ordinance was adopted by the County Council of Harford County, Maryland (the "County Council"), in accordance with the Charter.

Section 520 of the Charter provides that "any contract, lease or other obligation in excess of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) requiring the payment of funds from the appropriations of a later fiscal year shall be authorized by legislative act", and Section 524 of the Charter provides that the County may incur debt and pursuant to the Agricultural Land Preservation Act, the County has been authorized and empowered to enter into installment purchase agreements to purchase easements for agricultural land preservation purposes.

The Agricultural Land Preservation Act provides that after review by the Harford County Agricultural Advisory Board in accordance with the County's Easement Priority Ranking System and approval by the Harford County Board of Estimates, the County Council, may approve and provide for the acquisition of the development rights in each particular parcel of agricultural land, as defined in the Authorizing Act.

Attached to this Bill as Exhibit A is an application to sell a development rights easement signed by the landowner where agricultural land is the subject of this Bill.

Attached to this Bill as Exhibit B are records of The Harford County Agricultural Advisory Board evaluating all applications to offer development right easements to the County, with each application ranked pursuant to the County's easement priority ranking system.

1 EDWARD HARKINS, or any other person who is or becomes the owner of all or any portion of 2 the Land (hereinafter defined) prior to execution and delivery of such Agreement, in order to 3 acquire the development rights in approximately 90 acres, more or less, of agricultural land 4 located at 2622 Adv Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050 within the County for an aggregate 5 purchase price of \$942,466.50, plus interest thereon, the actual amount of the purchase price to 6 be equal to the lesser of such maximum amount or \$10,471.85 times the number of acres in such 7 land, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, but equal to the lesser of the maximum 8 easement per acre value or the maximum development right value but not in excess of the 9 maximum per acre cap, the actual purchase price to be determined in accordance with the 10

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NOW, THEREFORE:

Agricultural Land Preservation Act.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That

The County has now determined to enter into an Installment Purchase Agreement with

Harford County, Maryland (the "County") shall enter into an Installment (a) Purchase Agreement (the "Installment Purchase Agreement") with EDWARD HARKINS, or any person who is or becomes the owner of all or any portion of the Land (hereinafter defined) prior to the execution and delivery of the Installment Purchase Agreement (the "Seller") in order to acquire the development rights in approximately 90 acres of land, more or less, located at 2622 Ady Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050 within the County (the "Land"), for an aggregate purchase price not in excess of \$942,466.50 (the "Purchase Price"), plus interest thereon as hereinafter provided; provided that the actual amount of the Purchase Price shall be equal to the lesser of such maximum amount or \$10,471.85 multiplied by the number of acres in the Land, but equal to the lesser of the maximum easement per acre value or the maximum development right value but not in excess of the maximum per acre cap as determined pursuant to the

1	(e) The County's obligation to make payments of the Purchase Price under the
2	Installment Purchase Agreement and to pay interest thereon is and shall be a general obligation of
3	the County and is and shall be made upon its full faith and credit.
4	SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
- 5	HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND,
6	That it is hereby found and determined that:
7	(a) The acquisition of the development rights in the Land as set forth in
8	Section 1 of this Bill and in the form of the Installment Purchase Agreement attached hereto as
9	Exhibit C is in the best interests of the County;
10	(b) The Installment Purchase Agreement is a contract providing for the
11	payment of funds at a time beyond the fiscal year in which it is made and requires the payment of
12	funds from appropriations of later fiscal years;
13	(c) Funds for the payment of the Purchase Price under the Installment
14	Purchase Agreement are included in the Budget Ordinance, As Amended;
15	(d) The County shall acquire the development rights in the Land in perpetuity;
16	(e) The Purchase Price is within the legal limitation on the indebtedness of the
17	County as set forth in Article 25A, § 5(P) of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
18	(f) The cost of acquiring the development rights in the Land is equal to the
19	Purchase Price;
20	(g) The only practical way to acquire the development rights in the Land is by
21	private negotiated agreement between the County and the Seller.
22	SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
23	HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That the Installment Purchase Agreement shall be signed
24	by the County Executive of the County (the "County Executive") by his manual signature, and
25	the Installment Purchase Agreement shall bear the corporate seal of the County, attested by the

manual signature of the Director of Administration of the County (the "Director of Administration"). In the event that any officer whose signature shall appear on the Installment Purchase Agreement shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of the Installment Purchase Agreement, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That the County Executive and the Treasurer are hereby authorized, prior to execution and delivery of the Installment Purchase Agreement, to make such changes or modifications in the form of the Installment Purchase Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit C as may be required or deemed appropriate by them in order to accomplish the purpose of the transactions (including, but not limited to, determining the portion of the Purchase Price to be paid in cash on the Closing Date and establishment of interest and principal payment dates in each year that the Installment Purchase Agreement is outstanding) authorized by this Bill; provided that such changes shall be within the scope of the transactions authorized by this Bill and the execution of the Installment Purchase Agreement by the County Executive shall be conclusive evidence of the approval by the County Executive of all changes or modifications in the form of the Installment Purchase Agreement and shall thereupon become binding upon the County in accordance with its terms, as authorized by Section 524 of the Charter and the Authorizing Act (collectively, the "Enabling Legislation"), and as provided for in this Bill.

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That the County Executive, the Director of Administration, the Treasurer of the County and other officials of the County are hereby authorized and empowered to do all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge, seal and deliver such documents (including a Tax Certificate and Compliance Agreement) and certificates as the County Executive may determine to be necessary to carry out and comply with the

provisions of this Bill subject to the limitations set forth in the Enabling Legislation and any limitations set forth in this Bill.

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SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That the Treasurer of the County is hereby designated and appointed as registrar and paying agent for the Installment Purchase Agreement (the "Registrar"). The Registrar shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, books of the County for the registration and transfer of ownership of the Installment Purchase Agreement. In addition, the County may, from time to time, designate and appoint the Department of the Treasury of the County, any officer or employee of the County or one or more banks, trust companies, corporations or other financial institutions to act as a substitute or alternate registrar or paying agent for the Installment Purchase Agreement, and any such substitute or alternate shall be deemed to be the Registrar or an alternate Registrar for all purposes specified in the resolution appointing such substitute or alternate. Any such appointment shall be made by the County Council by resolution and the exercise of such power of appointment, no matter how often, shall not be an exhaustion thereof.

SECTION 7. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That for the purpose of paying the installments of the Purchase Price when due and payable and the interest on the unpaid portion of the Purchase Price when due and payable, there is hereby levied, and there shall hereafter be levied in each fiscal year that any portion of the Purchase Price payable under the Installment Purchase Agreement remains outstanding, *ad valorem* taxes on real and tangible personal property and intangible property subject to taxation by the County, without limitation of rate or amount, and, in addition, upon such other intangible property as may be subject to taxation by the County within limitations prescribed by law, in an amount sufficient, together with the portion of the transfer tax imposed on transfers of real property in Harford County which is dedicated to agricultural

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1	land preservation and other available funds, to pay any installment of the Purchase Price under
2	the Installment Purchase Agreement maturing during the succeeding year and to pay the annua
3	interest on the outstanding balance of the Purchase Price until all of the Purchase Price under the
4	Installment Purchase Agreement and such interest have been paid in full; and the full faith and
5	credit and the unlimited taxing power of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the
6	punctual payment of the Purchase Price under the Installment Purchase Agreement and the
7	interest on the unpaid balance of the Purchase Price as and when the same respectively become
8	due and payable.
9	SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF
10	HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND, That this Bill shall take effect sixty (60) calendar day
11	after it becomes law.
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EFFECTIVE: April 21, 2008

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The Council Administrator of the Council does hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.

Council Administrator

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HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO	08-07
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This Bill No. 08-07 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on February 21, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 21, 2008

Barbara J. O'Connorl.
Council Administrator

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**BILL NO. 08-07** 

## **EXHIBIT A**

Application

DAVID R. CRAIG HARFORD COUNTY EXECUTIVE

C. PETE GUTWALD
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ZONING

LORRAINE COSTELLO
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

#### HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Department of Planning and Zoning

Mr. Edward Harkins c/o Mr. George Harkins, PoA 23 Lake Drive Bel Air Maryland 21014

#### FORM OF COMMITMENT LETTER

RE: Placement of a Harford County Land Preservation Easement on approximately 80 acres

Dear Mr. Harkins:

We are pleased to extend an offer to purchase the development rights and place a County Land Preservation Easement on your property of approximately 80 acres, subject to verification before settlement by survey submitted to Harford County, located at 2622 Ady Rd, Forest Hill MD 21050. In accordance with your application, please check one of the following payment options, along with your cash at settlement request:

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This agreement is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Purchase Price: Harford County (County) offers to purchase the Development rights from the Seller for a purchase price of \$945,000.00 dollars for 7 development rights (legislated cap) or \$10,471.85 dollars per surveyed acre (Valuation Formula) ,whichever is less, pursuant to the enabling legislation or other exclusion acreage required by the County.
- Documentation: All instruments and documents required shall be subject to approval as to form and substance by the County, the County's attorney and Miles & Stockbridge, Bond Counsel (Bond Counsel). Bond Counsel shall prepare all documents evidencing the Deed of Easement. In addition to those items specifically set forth in this letter, the Seller shall furnish to the County,

Preserving Harford's past; promoting Harford's future

MY DIRECT PHONE NUMBER IS (410) 638-3103
220 SOUTH MAIN STREET BEL AIR, MARYLAND 21014 410.638.3000 • 410.679.2000 • TTY 410.638.3086 • www.harfordcoumymd.gov
THIS DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT UPON REQUEST.

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prior to the Settlement Date, any other documents or materials as the County may require.

#### 3. Conditions Precedent to Settlement:

- (a) Not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Settlement Date, the Seller shall furnish to the County, a <u>Subordination Agreement</u> in recordable form from each Mortgagee and other lien holder having a lien on all or any portion of the land which Subordination Agreement shall be satisfactory in all respects to the County subordinating such person's interest in the Land to the rights of the County under the Deed of Easement. The County will develop the Subordination Agreement(s) if needed and forward to mortgage holder(s).
- (b) The Seller shall provide an updated survey of the Land to the County at the expense of the Seller within fourteen (14) days prior to the Settlement Date. The survey shall be certified to the Title Company and or the Seller, and County, and shall show dimensions and locations of all improvements, easements, rights-of-way, adjoining sites, absence of any encroachment and such other details as the County may require.
- 4. <u>Title Insurance</u>: The County shall receive within seven (7) days prior to the Settlement Date, a title insurance binder with a commitment to issue a title insurance policy in the amount of the Purchase Price, insuring the ownership of the Development Rights by the County, subject only to those exceptions to title as are approved by the County and its Counsel, and with affirmative insurance on such matters as the County may require.
- 5. Expenses: The County shall pay all costs relating to the recording of the Deed of Easement, all title examinations charges, the premium for the title insurance policy, and fees of Bond Counsel for a reasonable number of hours of time expended on consultation with legal or financial advisors of the Seller and the out-of-pocket expenses of Bond Counsel. The Seller shall pay the fees and expenses of its own counsel, accountants and the cost of a survey.
- 6. Termination by County: This commitment is being made in reliance upon information supplied by the Seller to the County in connection with the sale of the Development Rights. If the County, acting in good faith, should determine that any such information or supporting representation of a material nature is false, inaccurate, incomplete or misleading, the County may rescind and cancel this commitment.
- 7. <u>Brokerage</u>: The County shall pay no fee or commission to any broker or agent in connection with the purchase of the Development Rights, and the Seller hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County against all claims for brokerage fees and commissions.

- 8. Receipt of Opinion of Bond Counsel: It is a condition precedent to the settlement of the transaction contemplated hereby that the County and the Seller receive an opinion from Bond Counsel, dated on the Settlement Date, to the effect that under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions, interest paid under the Installment Purchase Agreement is not includible in the gross income of the Seller (or any holder of the Installment Purchase Agreement) for federal income tax purpose, which opinion may assume continuous compliance with certain covenants in the Tax Certificate and Compliance Agreement to be executed and delivered by the County on the date of delivery of the Installment Purchase Agreement and may be otherwise limited in accordance with its terms.
- 9. Acknowledgment of Seller with Regard to Tax Consequences of Transaction: The Seller acknowledges that the Seller has made an independent investigation and has consulted with attorneys, accountants and others selected by the Seller with respect to all tax considerations related to the transaction contemplated hereby (other than the matter described in Section 8 hereof), and the Seller certifies that the Seller has not looked to or relied upon the County or any of its officials, agents or employees, or to Bond Counsel, with respect to any of such matters.
- Assignment Prohibited: This commitment may not be assigned or in any way transferred by the Seller without prior written approval of the County.
- 11. Entire Agreement: No statements, agreements or representation, oral or written, which may have been made to the Seller or to any employee or agent of the Seller, either by the County or by any employee, agent or broker acting on the Seller's behalf, with respect to the purchase of the Development Rights, shall be of any force or effect, except to the extent stated in this commitment, and all prior agreements and representations with respect to such purchase are merged herein. This commitment may not be changed except by written agreement signed by the Seller and the County.
- 12. Settlement Date: Survival: This transaction may be closed sixty (60) business days after Council action; provided all conditions precedent to closing have been met. This transaction must be fully settled within one hundred and twenty (120) business days from Council action, time being of the essence, or legislation approval will expire, however, a sixty (60) day extension can be requested for hardship cases. The terms of this commitment shall supersede in full, any prior commitment issued by the County in connection with the transaction contemplated hereby; and this commitment shall not survive settlement.

We are pleased to make this offer to you. Please indicate your acceptance of this commitment by signing and returning to us the executed original of this letter.



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	3.	Telephone: 410-819-3101 443-564-3969 (CELL)
H.	Le	egal counsel representing Applicant in proposed transaction:
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	2.	Address: 1714 JARRETTSVILLE ROAD
		JARRETTS VILLE, MD. 21084
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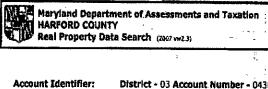
#### **EXECUTION**

It is understood that the above information is submitted in good faith, based on present expectations of the Applicant, to aid the Agricultural Advisory Board of Harford County, Maryland in its consideration of this application for the sale of a development rights easement to Harford County, Maryland.

It is further understood that I/we, as Applicant, under this program may be required to attend a session of the County Council of Harford County, Maryland. The session will be a public hearing regarding this request. Meetings may also be necessary with the member of the County Council who represents the geographic area where the land is located.

The information in this application and supporting exhibits is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and is submitted for the purpose of the sale of development rights easement to Harford County, Maryland. I/We authorize Harford County to conduct whatever investigation it feels is necessary to properly evaluate and process this application. I/We understand that this application is subject to review of the Agricultural Advisory Board approval of the County Council of Harford County, Maryland, title search, survey, soil evaluation and other factors set forth in the Act.

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THIS DEED, Made this 17 day of July, in the year 1951, by STANLEY S. SPENCER, single, of Harford County, State of Maryland.

WITNESSETH, That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Stanley S. Spencer does hereby grant and convey unto WILLIAM T. HARKINS and EDWARD W. HARKINS, as joint tenents and not as tenants in common, all that tract or parcel of land situate in the Third Election District of Harford County, Maryland, at Harkins' Shop, on the road from Hickory to Walter's Mill on Deer Creek, containing eightyfive and one-half (85%) acres, more or less, being the same and all the land conveyed by and described in a deed from the said William T. Harkins to the said Stanley S. Spencer, dated even date herewith, and recorded, or intended to be recorded, among the Land Records of Harford County, prior hereto.

TOGETHER with all the improvements thereon, and all the rights, roads, ways, waters, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described parcel of land and premises unto the said William T. Harkins and Edward W. Harkins, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, their assigns, or the survivor of them, or the heirs and assigns of the survivor of them, forever in fee simple.

AND the said Stanley S. Spencer does hereby covenant to warrant specially the lands and premises above described and hereby intended to be conveyed, and to execute such other and further assurances of the same as may be requisite and necessary.

AS WITNESS my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

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STATE OF MARYLAND, HARFORD COUNTY, SCT:

I hereby certify that on this 17 day of July, in the year 1951, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the form of Maryland, in and for Harford County, duly commissioned and tradition, personally appeared Stanley S. Spencer, single, and knowledged the foregoing deed to be his act.

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Georgia E. Howard, Notary Public.

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### **EXHIBIT B**

Records of The Harford County Agricultural Advisory Board evaluating and ranking applications pursuant to the County's easement priority ranking system.

## Harford County Government Agricultural Preservation Farm Ranking 2007

	Name	Address	Farm Typê	Acres	DR	FC	Score
1	Milton and Raymond Martin	4504 Rocks Road	Beef/Grain/Dairy	177	14	4	-242.34
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2	Estate of Carolyn Jacobs	4725 Rocks Road	Grain	- 69	6	0	233.99
		Street, MD 21154					
3	Sam Foard, Jr.	425 Fawn Grove Road	Grain	93	7	0	222.64
		Street, MD 21154					
4	Laura Taylor	4633 Graceton Road	Grain	103	10	0	221.37
		Street, MD 21154					
5	Brian Adelhardt	4435 Prospect Road	Christimas Trees	86	7	0	220.07
		Whiteford, MD 21160					
6	Edward Harkins	2622 Ady Road	Grain	81	7	0	216.5
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7	Burman Family	Heaps/Taylor Roads	Grain	63	1	9	215.66
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8	Debbie Bowers	900 La Grange Road	Hay/Forestry	94	7	9	212.04
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9	Dottie Enfield Macy	1039 Heaps Road	Beef/Hay	73	1	4	211.37
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10	Andrew Lohr	3212 Snake Lane	0-11	01			210.0
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11	Entitle Family LLC	Whiteford, MD 21160	Beef/Grain	87	8	0	207.39
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15	Helen Whiteford	4630 Graceton Road	Grain	48	4	Q	201.17
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16	Charles & Grace Glock	314 Reckord Road	Grain	118	9	0	199.46
17	James Shackelford	Fallston, MD 21047 1535 Jarrettsville Road	Beef/Hay/Grain	127	11	1	196.28
1/	James Shackenoru	Jarrettsville, MD 21084	Beel/Hay/Grain	121	'	1	190.28
18	Robert Martin	4535 Graceton Road	Hay	59	4	0	195.15

## **BILL NO. 08-07**

	Name	Address	Farm Type	Acres	DR	FC	Score
21	Gary Hanlin	3669 Burkins Road	Equine	36	2	0	189.74
ĵ.		Street, MD 21154		,	_	j	107.74
22	Kenneth Travers	3153 Aldino Road	Hay	64	5	0	186.48
		Churchville, MD 21028					100.10
23	Edwin Rembsburg	2507 Pleasantville Road	Sheep	20	1	0	186.46
		Fallston, MD 21047	·				

#### EXHIBIT C

Form of Installment Purchase Agreement

## INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT (No. 2008- )

THIS INSTALL	MENT PUR	CHASE AG	REEMENT	is made a	s of the	day of
, 20	008 between	n EDWARD	HARKINS	(the "Sel	ler") and	HARFORD
COUNTY, MARYLANI	D, a body pol	itic and corpo	rate of the St	ate of Mar	yland (the	"County").

### **RECITALS**

- A. Pursuant to and in accordance with Bill No. 07-05 now codified as Section 60-9 of the Harford County Code, as amended (the "Authorizing Act"), the County is authorized to preserve agricultural land in Harford County, Maryland by purchasing the development rights (as defined in the Authorizing Act) in agricultural lands located within the County.
- B. The Seller is the owner in fee simple of certain agricultural real property located in Harford County, Maryland and more particularly described in Exhibit A to the Deed of Easement (hereinafter defined) (the "Land"). The Seller has offered to sell to the County the Seller's development rights in the Land and the County has accepted such offer, all upon and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- C. The County will receive the Seller's development rights in the Land for the purposes set forth in the Authorizing Act.
- D. Except for the limited transferability described herein and in the Deed of Easement referred to herein, the transfer by the Seller of their development rights in the Land shall be in perpetuity.
- E. The Seller owns \_\_\_\_\_ acres of Land, which are a part of the Land on which the County is authorized to acquire a Deed of Easement.

### **AGREEMENTS**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the Seller and the County hereby agree as follows:

References to Articles, Sections, and other subdivisions of this Agreement are to the designated Articles, Sections, and other subdivisions of this Agreement.

The headings of this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not define or limit the provisions hereof.

All references made (a) in the neuter, masculine or feminine gender shall be deemed to have been made in all such genders, and (b) in the singular or plural number shall be deemed to have been made, respectively, in the plural or singular number as well.

#### ARTICLE II

#### SALE AND PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

SECTION 2.1. Agreement to Sell and Purchase Development Rights. The Seller agrees to sell the Development Rights to the County and the County agrees to purchase the Development Rights from the Seller on the date hereof for a purchase price of \$ (the "Purchase Price").

SECTION 2.2. Delivery of Deed of Easement. In order to evidence the sale of the Development Rights to the County, the Seller shall execute and deliver to the County on the Closing Date the Deed of Easement. The Deed of Easement shall be recorded among the Land Records of Harford County, Maryland.

#### ARTICLE III

#### PAYMENT OF PURCHASE PRICE

### SECTION 3.1. Payment of Purchase Price.

date hereof and shall be payable to the Registered Owner on

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(a) The County shall pay a portion of the Purchase Price in the a	mount of
Dollars (\$) to the Seller on the Closing Date and shall	ll pay the
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on the same day of each year thereafter to and including	(each an
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Interest on the unpaid balance of the Purchase Price shall accrue from the

and annually

- (c) Both the installments of the Purchase Price and the interest on the unpaid balance thereof are payable in lawful money of the United States of America, at the time of payment.
- (d) Payment of interest on the unpaid balance of the Purchase Price shall be made by the County on each Interest Payment Date to the Registrar. Payments of the principal installments of the Purchase Price shall be made on each Installment Payment Date to the Registrar. The Registrar shall forward all such payments (other than the final installment of the Purchase Price) to the person appearing on the books of the County maintained by the Registrar as the Registered Owner, by check or draft mailed to the Registered Owner at the address of the Registered Owner as it appears on such registration books or, if the Registered Owner is a trustee who has issued certificates of participation in this Agreement, by wire transfer to such Registered Owner to the bank account number on file with the Registrar on the tenth day before the applicable Interest Payment Date or Installment Payment Date, or if such tenth day is not a Business Day, the Business Day next preceding such day. The final installment of the Purchase Price shall be paid by the Registrar to the Registered Owner upon presentation and surrender of this Agreement at the office of the Registrar.
- (e) The County's obligation to make payments of the Purchase Price hereunder and to pay interest on the unpaid balance of the Purchase Price is a general obligation of the County, and the full faith and credit and the taxing power of the County are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the Purchase Price and the interest on the unpaid balance of the Purchase Price as and when the same respectively become due and payable.

## SECTION 3.2. Registration and Transfer of this Agreement.

- (a) Until the Purchase Price and all interest thereon have been paid in full, the Registrar, on behalf of the County, shall maintain and keep at the offices of the Registrar, registration books for the registration and transfer of this Agreement. The ownership of this Agreement may not be transferred or assigned, except upon the written approval of the County.
- shall be transferable only upon the written approval of the County and upon the books of the County maintained for such purpose by the Registrar, at the written request of the Registered Owner as then shown on such registration books or his attorney duly authorized in writing, upon presentation and surrender thereof, together with a written instrument of transfer substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, or as may otherwise be satisfactory to and approved by the Registrar in writing, duly executed by the Registered Owner or his attorney duly authorized in writing. Upon the surrender for transfer of this Agreement, the Registrar shall complete the Schedule of Transferees attached hereto as Exhibit D with the name, address and tax identification number of the transferee Registered Owner, the date of the transfer and the

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The representations in subsections (f) and (g) above are made under penalties of perjury and the information contained therein may be disclosed by the County to the Internal Revenue Service. The Seller acknowledges that any false statement in such subsections could be punished by fine, imprisonment or both.

#### ARTICLE V

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO EXCLUSION OF INTEREST FROM INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION

SECTION 5.1. <u>Intent of County and Tax Covenant of County</u>. The County intends that the interest payable under this Agreement shall not be includible in the gross income of the Registered Owner for purposes of federal income taxation pursuant to Section 148 of the Code. Accordingly, the County shall not knowingly take or permit to be taken any other action or actions or omit or fail to take any action, which would cause this Agreement to be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code, or which would otherwise cause interest payable under this Agreement to become includible in the gross income of any Registered Owner for purposes of federal income taxation pursuant to Section 148 of the Code.

SECTION 5.2. Acknowledgment of Seller with Regard to Tax Consequences of Transaction. The Seller has received an opinion from Miles & Stockbridge P.C., Bond Counsel, dated the date hereof, to the effect that under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions, interest payable under this Agreement is not includible in the gross income of the Seller for federal income tax purposes, which opinion assumes continuous compliance with certain covenants in the Tax Certificate and Compliance Agreement to be executed and delivered by the County on the date of delivery of this Agreement and is otherwise limited in accordance with its terms. The Seller acknowledges that they have made their own independent investigation and have consulted with attorneys, accountants and others selected by the Seller in the Seller's sole discretion with respect to all other tax considerations related to the transaction contemplated hereby (including, but not limited to, installment sales treatment under Section 453 of the Code, charitable contribution deductions under Section 170 of the Code, and federal estate tax implications); and the Seller certifies that the Seller has not looked to or relied upon the County or any of its officials, agents or employees, or to Bond Counsel, with respect to any of such matters.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### THE REGISTRAR

SECTION 6.1. <u>Appointment of Registrar</u>. The Treasurer of the County, is hereby designated and appointed to act as Registrar for this Agreement.

SECTION 6.2. Change of Registrar and Appointment of Successor Registrar. The County shall have the right, subject to the terms of any agreement with the Registrar, to change the Registrar at any time by filing with the Registrar to be removed, and with the Registered Owner, an instrument in writing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such removal shall not be effective until a successor Registrar has assumed the Registrar's duties hereunder.

SECTION 6.3. Qualifications of Successor Registrar. Any successor Registrar shall be either (a) the Treasurer of the County, (b) an officer or employee of the County, or (c) a bank, trust company or other financial institution duly organized under the laws of the United States or any state or territory thereof which is authorized by law and permitted under the laws of the State to perform all the duties imposed upon it as Registrar by this Agreement.

SECTION 6.4. <u>Successor by Merger or Consolidation</u>. If the Registrar is a bank, trust company or other financial institution, any institution or corporation into which the Registrar hereunder may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any corporation resulting from any merger or consolidation to which the Registrar hereunder shall be a party or any institution or corporation succeeding to the corporate trust business (if any) of the Registrar, shall be the successor Registrar under this Agreement, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties hereto, anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 7.1. Successors of County. In the event of the dissolution of the County, all the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Agreement contained, by or on behalf of, or for the benefit of, the County, the Seller, any other Registered Owner and the Registrar, shall bind or inure to the benefit of the successors of the County from time to time and any entity, officer, board, commission, agency or instrumentality to whom or to which any power or duty of the County shall be transferred.

SECTION 7.2. <u>Parties in Interest</u>. Except as herein otherwise specifically provided, nothing in this Agreement expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person, firm or corporation, other than the County, the Seller, any other Registered Owner and the Registrar, any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement, this Agreement being intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the County, the Seller, any other Registered Owner from time to time of this Agreement and the Registrar.

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**SCHEDULE** I

# INSTALLMENTS OF DEFERRED PORTION OF PURCHASE PRICE (EDWARD HARKINS)

Date of Payment	Amount Payable
Plus initial payment of purchase	
price on	\$
TOTAL	\$

EXHIBIT A TO INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT

## HARFORD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION AND PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM

#### **DEED OF EASEMENT**

THIS DEED OF EASEMENT made this	day of	,200 ,
THIS DEED OF EASEMENT made this by and between Grantor, and HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND,	, parties	of the first part,
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Explanatory St.	<u>atement</u>	
A. The County Council of Harford Co amended, which created a new Article II, Agricultura Agriculture, of the Harford County Code, as am Harford County Agricultural Land Preservation agricultural land and woodland which provides for the the citizens of the County; and	al Land Preservation Progrended, for the purpose of Act (the "Act") to progression of the control of the contro	ram, to Chapter 60, of establishing the reserve productive
B. By authority of the Act, the Grantee a conveyances from agricultural landowners by sub-agricultural preservation easement restricting these manner more specifically provided in the Act; and	jecting the property to b	e purchased to an
C. The Grantor is the fee simple owner located in Harford County, Maryland and desires to a preservation easement to restrict such land to agriculture hereinafter set forth; and	sell and convey to the Gra	ntee an agricultural
D. Bill No, passed by the Councillation on, approved by the Councillation of the	nty Executive on I County, Maryland to pur	chase development
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Exhibit A attached hereto.			

AND, FURTHER, together with all transferable development rights in accordance with the provisions of Section 267-34(D)(4) of the Code of Harford County, Maryland, and all family conveyances in accordance with the provisions of Section 267-34(D)(3)(d) of the Code of Harford County, Maryland.

AND the Grantor covenants for themselves, and for their respective heirs, personal representatives and assigns, with the Grantee, its successors and assigns, to do and refrain from doing upon the above-described land all and any of the various acts hereafter set forth, it being the intention of the parties that said land shall be preserved solely for the agricultural use as defined in and in accordance with the provision of the Act, and hereafter set forth are intended to limit the use of the above-described land and are deemed to be and shall be construed as covenants running with the land.

#### COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

Subject to the reservations hereinafter contained and except as otherwise provided herein, the Grantor, for themselves and their respective heirs, personal representatives and assigns, covenants and agrees with Grantee as follows:

- A. The above-described land may not be developed or otherwise used for other than agricultural use (as defined in the Act).
- B. The above-described land shall be maintained in agricultural use or properly managed so that it is available for continued agricultural use from the date of the recording of this instrument among the Land Records of Harford County.
- C. At the time of establishment of the easement hereby granted, a soil and water conservation plan as prepared by the Soil Conservation District shall be implemented and maintained with respect to the above-described land.
- D. To not allow any type of residential subdivision, other than that outlined in the easement as owner/child lots and to limit the utilization of the above-described land to Agricultural Uses as defined in the Agricultural Land Preservation and Purchase of Development Rights Program and including those uses contained in Section 267-43(F) of the Harford County Zoning Code, as amended.
- E. The construction of new buildings or structures on the above-described land, other than farm buildings that did not exist at the time of the establishment of the within easement, is contingent upon the written application to and approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning, subject to review by and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board.

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## F. Subject to the provisions of paragraphs G and H hereof:

acre or less lot exclusion for the exclusive residential use of the Grantor. Such request (a) must be made by letter provided to the Department of Planning and Zoning verifying the Grantor's intention to live in a dwelling situate within any lot so excluded; (b) shall be subject to review and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board; (c) the use and occupancy permit must be in the name of the owner/grantor; and (d) the owner's lot may not be sold or transferred for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of the use and occupancy permit except in the event of the death or legal incompetence of the owner or if the lot is part of bankruptcy proceedings; or with approval of the Department of Planning and Zoning, subject to review and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board. Upon such request and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, Grantee shall execute and deliver to Grantor, his/her personal representatives, successors and assigns, an instrument in recordable form releasing such lot from the force and effect of this Deed of Easement and all covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions herein set forth.

The Grantor may at any time hereafter request the right to construct, use and occupy a tenant home on the above-described land in accordance with the conditions established within Section 267-26(D) of the Harford County Zoning Code, as amended. Such request (a) must be made by letter provided to the Department of Planning and Zoning and (b) shall be subject to review and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board. The tenant house shall not be subdivided off of the easement property.

writing to the Department of Planning and Zoning a two (2) acre or less lot exclusion for the exclusive residential use of a child. Such request (a) must be from both Grantor and the child verifying the intention of the child to live in a dwelling situate within the lot so excluded; (b) shall be subject to the review and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board; and (c) the building permit and the owner occupancy permit must be in the child's name. The child lot may not be sold or transferred for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of the use and occupancy permit except in the event of the death or the legal incompetence of the child or if the lot is part of bankruptcy proceedings; or with approval of the Department of Planning and Zoning, subject to review and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board. Upon such request and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, Grantee shall execute and deliver to the child, his/her personal representatives, successors and assigns, an instrument in recordable form releasing such lot from the force and effect of this Deed of Easement and all covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions herein set forth.

G. The exclusion of lots pursuant to the provisions of paragraph F above from the force and effect of this Deed of Easement and all covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions herein set forth shall be subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The total number of such lot exclusions may not exceed one (1) lot for each twenty-five (25) acres contained within the above-described land or four (4) lots per easement property, whichever is less; and
- 2. The maximum size of any lot so excluded may not exceed a maximum lot area of two (2) acres, including within such area all Harford County right-of-way requirements unless waived by the Director of Planning, with the review and recommendation of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board; and
- 3. The Grantor requesting lot exclusion shall be required to repay the County for each lot so excluded in an amount equal to the amount paid per acre by Harford County to the Grantor to acquire the above-described land plus all costs associated with the establishment of such lot.
- H. The rights reserved to the Grantor under paragraph F to request a lot exclusion shall be deemed a personal covenant only, and one that is not intended to run with the land and shall belong only to, and may be exercised only, by the Grantor named in this instrument.
- I. The Grantor and all future landowners of the said property reserves the right to use the above-described land for any agricultural use as defined in the Agricultural Land Preservation and Purchase of Development Rights Program and including those uses contained in Section 267-43(F) of the Harford County Zoning Code, as amended, and further reserves all other rights, privileged and incidents to the ownership of the fee simple estate in the above-described land not hereby conveyed or otherwise limited by the covenants, conditions, limitations and restrictions herein set forth.
- J. This instrument shall not be deemed to provide for or permit public access to any privately owned land except for periodic inspections by the Grantee.
- K. The easement conveyed to the Grantee for the parcels of land described in Exhibit A is based upon acres.

The Grantor further covenants that the Grantor has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that Grantor will warrant specially the property interest hereby conveyed; and the Grantor will execute such further assurances of the same as may be required.

As used herein, the singular form of a word includes both the singular and plural, the plural form of a word includes both plural and singular, and reference the words of certain gender includes reference to all genders.

No determination by any court, governmental body or otherwise that any provision of this Deed of Easement is invalid or unenforceable in any instance shall affect the validity or enforceability of (a) any other such provision or (b) such provision in any circumstance not controlled by such determination. Each such provision shall be valid and enforceable to the 4811-2109-0818 1/10/2008 4:37:03 PM

## **EXHIBIT A**TO DEED OF EASEMENT

Description of Land

EXHIBIT B TO INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT

#### PERMITTED ENCUMBRANCES

Schedule B of the policy or policies to be issued will contain exceptions to the following matters unless the same are disposed of to the satisfaction of the Company (all clauses, if any, which indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin are omitted from all building and use restrictions, covenants and conditions, if any, shown herein):

- 1. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters, if any, created, first appearing in the public records or attaching subsequent to the effective date hereof but prior to the date the proposed insured acquires for the value of record the estate or interest or mortgage thereon covered by this commitment.
- 2. Rights or claims of parties other than the insured in actual possession of any or all of the property.
- 3. Special assessments against the property which are not shown as existing liens by the public records.
- 4. Real estate taxes, other public charges (including, but not limited to, assessments by any county, municipality, Metropolitan District or Commission) and the balance of any such changes payable on an annual basis which are not yet due and payable.

EXHIBIT C TO INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT

### **ASSIGNMENT**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED,	_ (the "Registered
Owner"), subject to the approval of Harford County, Maryland, hereby	sell[s], assign[s] and
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Registered Owner's right, title and interest in and to the Installment Pur	chase Agreement to
which this Assignment is attached; and the Registered Owner's hereby in	•
Registrar (as defined in such Agreement) to transfer such Agreement or	
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## ADD NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Transfer of the foregoing approved this day of	Installment Purchase Agreem, 20	nent, as	indicated	above is	}
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	By: David R. Craig County Executive			-	

**EXHIBIT D** TO INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT

### TRANSFER OF AGREEMENT - SCHEDULE OF TRANSFEREES

The transfer of this Installment Purchase Agreement may be registered only by the Registered Owner under such Agreement in person or by its duly authorized officer or attorney upon approval by Harford County, Maryland upon presentation hereof to the Registrar, who shall make note thereof in the books kept for such purpose and in the registration blank below.

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